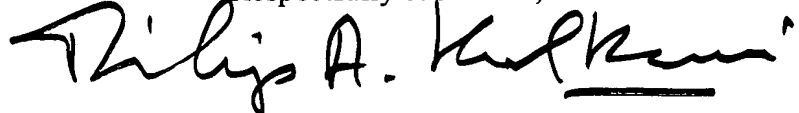


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to indicate the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R.

1.78. The amendments to the claims delete multiple dependencies and place the claims in somewhat better form for examination. With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dilip A. Kulkarni". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dilip" being the most prominent. The last name "Kulkarni" is written in a similar style. There is a horizontal line under the "i" in "Kulkarni".

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